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National Preparedness Month September 6-12 Focus on Wildfire

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM) with the theme:
Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.

Making a family emergency communication plan is a great way to prepare for disasters, but testing your plan is even better so you'll be familiar with how to respond.

During the week of September 6-12, the focus is on wildfires. In August of 2012, the U.S. Drought Monitor classified most of Oklahoma being in an extreme drought. These dry conditions led to multiple wildfires in Norman that burned approximately 9,000 acres, over 100 structures, and caused one fatality.

A wildfire is an uncontrolled fire burning in an area of vegetation. They can be started by natural causes, such as lightning, or by humans, either accidentally or intentionally. Wildfires are prevalent during droughts and can spread easily during windy conditions.

Before a wildfire happens, make it a goal to clear your home or business of material that can burn easily. When a wildfire threatens, have an emergency plan. Evacuate immediately to avoid being trapped. Drive carefully in smoke, as visibility will be limited.

For additional information on what to do when it is flooding, visit
<http://www.community.fema.gov/hazard/flood/be-smart>

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